

Section 6

1999 Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes Involving Teenage Drivers

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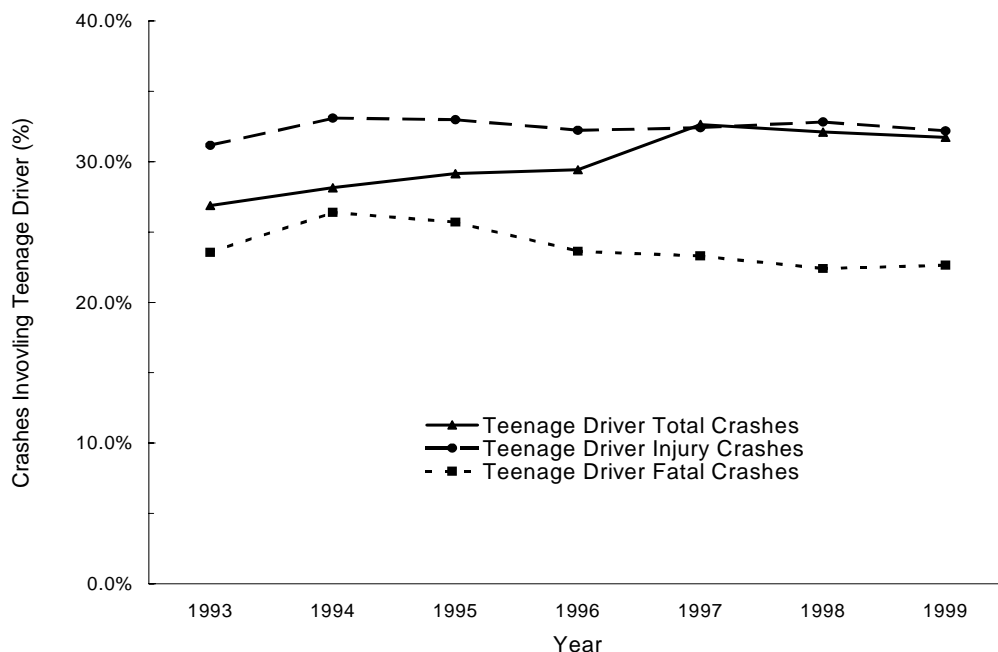
1993 - 1999 Teenage Driver Crashes

Teenage drivers aged 15 to 19 years are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience. Table 6.01 and Figure 6.01 show that approximately one-third of all crashes involved teenage drivers. The largest percentage of crashes involving teenage drivers occurred in 1997, while the largest proportion of injury crashes and fatal crashes occurred in 1994.

Table 6.01 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1993 - 1999

Year	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
1993	55,704	14,972	26.9%	17,088	5,324	31.2%	259	61	23.6%
1994	59,272	16,688	28.2%	18,726	6,197	33.1%	303	80	26.4%
1995	57,644	16,808	29.2%	19,828	6,542	33.0%	284	73	25.7%
1996	61,505	18,100	29.4%	20,988	6,764	32.2%	292	69	23.6%
1997	54,952	17,941	32.6%	21,131	6,851	32.4%	309	72	23.3%
1998	54,072	17,362	32.1%	19,427	6,377	32.8%	308	69	22.4%
1999	52,802	16,759	31.7%	19,513	6,281	32.2%	318	72	22.6%

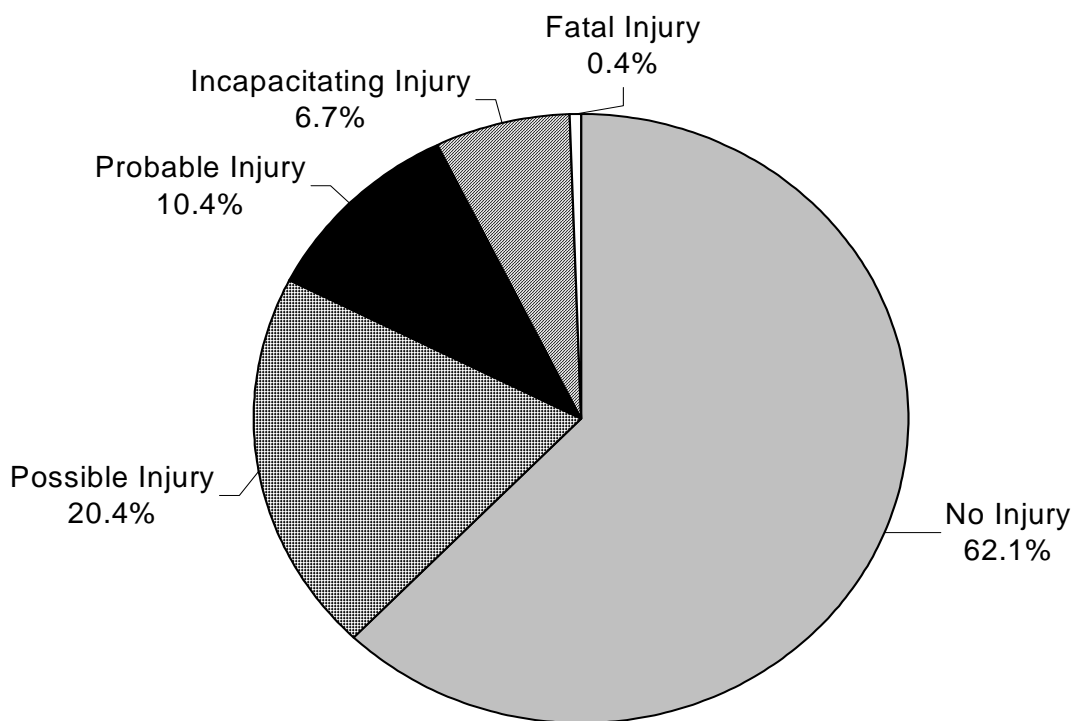
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1999 Teenage Driver Crash Severity

Figure 6.02 shows the crash severity of teenage driver crashes. Similar to all motor vehicle crashes, 37.9% of teenage driver crashes resulted in some level of injury. Fatal crashes were lower among teenage driver crashes (0.4%) compared to all motor vehicle crashes at 0.6%.

Figure 6.02 Severity of Teenage Driver Crashes as Reported by Police, Utah 1999 (n=16,759)



1999 Teenage Driver Crashes by County

The number of crashes, the number of teenage driver crashes and the percent of crashes that involved a teenage driver are shown by county in Table 6.02. Davis, Washington, and Cache counties had the highest percentage of crashes that involved a teenage driver. The leading percentage of teenage driver injury crashes occurred in Morgan, Sanpete, and Davis counties. The small number of fatal crashes precludes making valid comparisons.

Table 6.02 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes by County, Utah 1999

County	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
Beaver	295	59	20.0%	102	24	23.5%	3	3	100.0%
Box Elder	856	235	27.5%	283	79	27.9%	19	6	31.6%
Cache	1,961	734	37.4%	634	241	38.0%	10	5	50.0%
Carbon	410	118	28.8%	123	40	32.5%	6	3	50.0%
Daggett	34	6	17.6%	9	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Davis	3,899	1,544	39.6%	1,270	506	39.8%	18	3	16.7%
Duchesne	298	62	20.8%	102	30	29.4%	2	0	0.0%
Emery	295	73	24.7%	103	33	32.0%	6	3	50.0%
Garfield	149	21	14.1%	47	6	12.8%	4	0	0.0%
Grand	261	49	18.8%	105	19	18.1%	7	1	14.3%
Iron	867	244	28.1%	308	86	27.9%	10	1	0.0%
Juab	325	66	20.3%	128	34	26.6%	11	2	18.2%
Kane	206	36	17.5%	57	13	22.8%	5	2	40.0%
Millard	445	86	19.3%	157	32	20.4%	14	2	14.3%
Morgan	133	44	33.1%	27	14	51.9%	2	0	0.0%
Piute	42	9	21.4%	12	2	16.7%	0	0	0.0%
Rich	62	19	30.6%	18	7	38.9%	1	1	100.0%
Salt Lake	24,307	7,363	30.3%	9,480	2,861	30.2%	72	14	19.4%
San Juan	343	63	18.4%	104	26	25.0%	7	2	28.6%
Sanpete	395	132	33.4%	137	55	40.1%	4	2	50.0%
Sevier	583	139	23.8%	195	51	26.2%	10	3	30.0%
Summit	806	153	19.0%	205	47	22.9%	7	0	0.0%
Tooele	719	207	28.8%	241	63	26.1%	19	2	10.5%
Uintah	461	163	35.4%	146	56	38.4%	2	0	0.0%
Utah	8,146	2,825	34.7%	3,135	1,123	35.8%	40	8	20.0%
Wasatch	525	135	25.7%	146	44	30.1%	3	2	66.7%
Washington	1,737	652	37.5%	637	234	36.7%	17	3	17.6%
Wayne	86	22	25.6%	23	8	34.8%	3	1	0.0%
Weber	4,156	1,500	36.1%	1,579	547	34.6%	16	3	10.0%
Statewide	52,802	16,759	31.7%	19,513	6,281	32.2%	318	72	20.0%

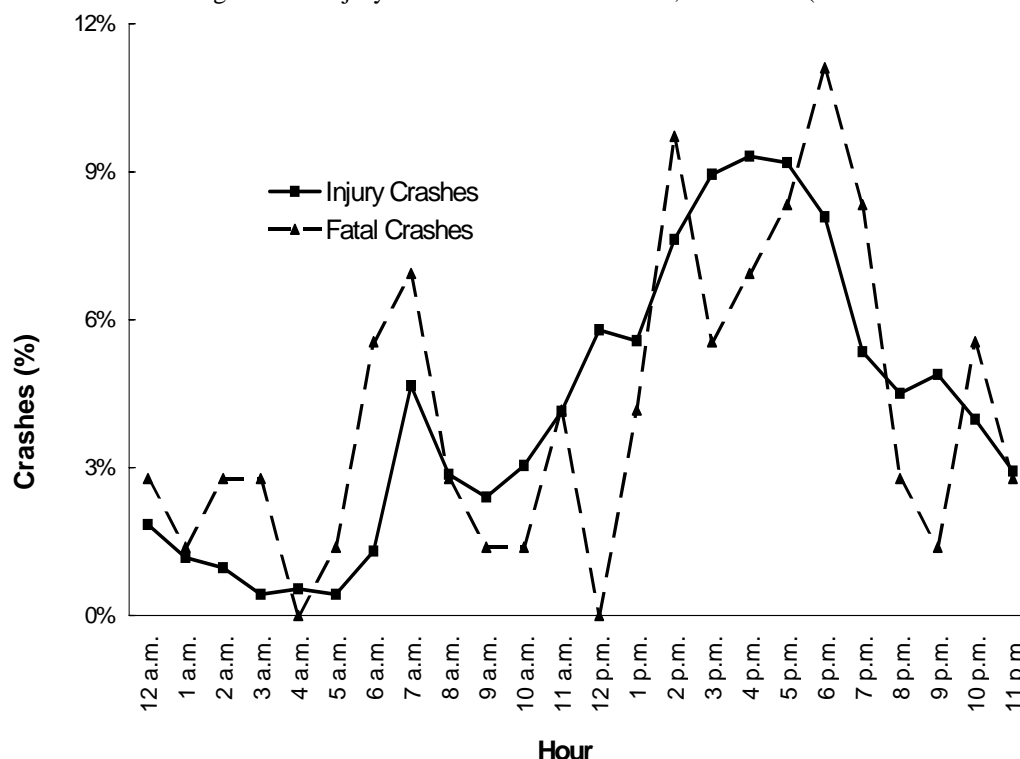
1999 Teenage Driver Crash Times

Table 6.03 shows that total crashes involving teenage drivers and injury crashes involving teenage drivers were highest from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (after school hours) with a slight peak at 12 p.m. Fatal teenage driver crashes peaked at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Table 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Hour	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
12 a.m.	283	1.7%	116	1.8%	2	2.8%
1 a.m.	178	1.1%	74	1.2%	1	1.4%
2 a.m.	123	0.7%	61	1.0%	2	2.8%
3 a.m.	65	0.4%	27	0.4%	2	2.8%
4 a.m.	57	0.3%	34	0.5%	0	0.0%
5 a.m.	66	0.4%	27	0.4%	1	1.4%
6 a.m.	219	1.3%	82	1.3%	4	5.6%
7 a.m.	825	4.9%	293	4.7%	5	6.9%
8 a.m.	561	3.3%	180	2.9%	2	2.8%
9 a.m.	416	2.5%	151	2.4%	1	1.4%
10 a.m.	502	3.0%	191	3.0%	1	1.4%
11 a.m.	734	4.4%	260	4.1%	3	4.2%
12 p.m.	1,043	6.2%	364	5.8%	0	0.0%
1 p.m.	920	5.5%	350	5.6%	3	4.2%
2 p.m.	1,277	7.6%	479	7.6%	7	9.7%
3 p.m.	1,491	8.9%	562	8.9%	4	5.6%
4 p.m.	1,564	9.3%	585	9.3%	5	6.9%
5 p.m.	1,688	10.1%	577	9.2%	6	8.3%
6 p.m.	1,336	8.0%	508	8.1%	8	11.1%
7 p.m.	888	5.3%	336	5.3%	6	8.3%
8 p.m.	709	4.2%	283	4.5%	2	2.8%
9 p.m.	749	4.5%	307	4.9%	1	1.4%
10 p.m.	606	3.6%	250	4.0%	4	5.6%
11 p.m.	459	2.7%	184	2.9%	2	2.8%
Grand Total	16,759	100.0%	6,281	100.0%	72	100.0%

Figure 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999 (See Table 6.03 for values)



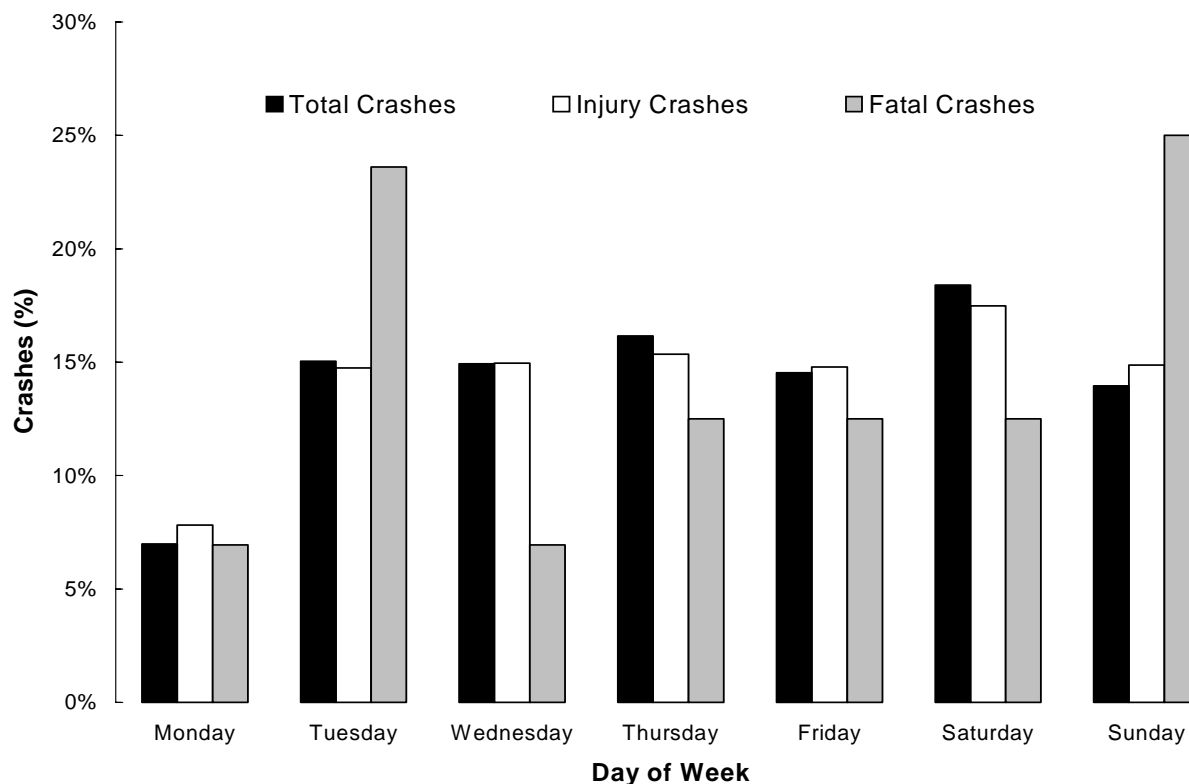
The leading months for total teenage driver crashes were December, October and July (Table 6.04). July, October and September had the highest rates of teenage driver injury crashes. The highest rate per day of teenage driver fatal crashes occurred in October, July and November.

Table 6.04 Month of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Month	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	Rate Per Day	#	Rate Per Day	#	Rate Per Day
January	1,298	41.9	453	14.6	3	0.1
February	1,192	42.6	411	14.7	2	0.1
March	1,296	41.8	494	15.9	4	0.1
April	1,378	45.9	507	16.9	6	0.2
May	1,328	42.8	560	18.1	7	0.2
June	1,369	45.6	527	17.6	5	0.2
July	1,493	48.2	599	19.3	9	0.3
August	1,440	46.5	549	17.7	6	0.2
September	1,443	48.1	545	18.2	5	0.2
October	1,525	49.2	591	19.1	12	0.4
November	1,388	46.3	507	16.9	8	0.3
December	1,609	51.9	538	17.4	5	0.2
Grand Total	16,759	45.9	6,281	17.2	72	0.2

The least number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Monday, and the largest number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday (Figure 6.04 and Table 6.05). The largest number of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Sunday, followed closely by Tuesday.

Figure 6.04 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999



Note: The above graph is based on percentages for the different crash categories. To read the above graph, look at one category across the days of the week. For example, look at only the white bars (i.e. injury crashes) from day to day. Do not compare the heights of the different crash categories for a specific day.

Table 6.05 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Day of Week	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Monday	1,172	7.0%	491	7.8%	5	6.9%
Tuesday	2,522	15.0%	926	14.7%	17	23.6%
Wednesday	2,501	14.9%	939	14.9%	5	6.9%
Thursday	2,707	16.2%	964	15.3%	9	12.5%
Friday	2,436	14.5%	929	14.8%	9	12.5%
Saturday	3,083	18.4%	1,098	17.5%	9	12.5%
Sunday	2,338	14.0%	934	14.9%	18	25.0%
Grand Total	16,759	100.0%	6,281	100.0%	72	100.0%

1999 Teenage Driver Crash Violations and Contributing Factors

Almost half (46.9%) of all teenage drivers involved in a crash received a citation for a violation which was similar to 51.8% of all drivers involved in a crash (Table 6.06). The leading teenage driver citations were "failure to yield right of way", "improper lookout" and "following too close".

Table 6.06 Violations for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Violation	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Failure to yield right of way	1,823	20.4%	790	23.1%	1	12.5%
Improper lookout	1,759	19.7%	638	18.7%	0	0.0%
Following too close	1,283	14.3%	420	12.3%	0	0.0%
All other moving violations	740	8.3%	301	8.8%	3	37.5%
All other non-moving violations	713	8.0%	277	8.1%	0	0.0%
Speeding	536	6.0%	208	6.1%	1	12.5%
Negligent collision	463	5.2%	154	4.5%	0	0.0%
Red light	370	4.1%	192	5.6%	0	0.0%
Improper turn	352	3.9%	117	3.4%	0	0.0%
Improper lane change	177	2.0%	38	1.1%	0	0.0%
Stop sign	147	1.6%	79	2.3%	0	0.0%
Reckless driving	114	1.3%	61	1.8%	0	0.0%
Improper passing	101	1.1%	31	0.9%	0	0.0%
Hit and run	99	1.1%	24	0.7%	0	0.0%
Improper backing	85	0.9%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%
Driving under the influence	74	0.8%	44	1.3%	0	0.0%
Wrong side of road	71	0.8%	26	0.8%	0	0.0%
Improper start and stop	39	0.4%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%
Vehicle homicide	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	37.5%
Wrong way on one-way street	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	8,949	100.0%	3,415	100.0%	8	100.0%

Table 6.07 contains the contributing factors for teenage driver crashes. These factors were coded by the scene officers for each vehicle involved in the crash. The officer may record no contributing factor or up to two different contributing factors. The leading factors for total crashes and injury crashes were "improper lookout", "failed to yield right of way", "following too closely" and "speed too fast". "Speed too fast" and "other improper driving" were the leading factors in fatal teenage driver crashes. Less than 2% of teenage driver crashes had contributing factors of "had been drinking", "under the influence of drugs", and "DUI".

Table 6.07 Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Contributing Factor	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Improper Lookout	4,287	27.6%	1,610	26.8%	7	8.2%
Failed to Yield the Right of Way	2,667	17.1%	1,124	18.7%	2	2.4%
Following Too Closely	1,928	12.4%	622	10.4%	0	0.0%
Speed Too Fast	1,834	11.8%	776	12.9%	28	32.9%
Other Improper Driving	1,324	8.5%	499	8.3%	14	16.5%
Improper Turn	656	4.2%	200	3.3%	1	1.2%
Disregarded Traffic Signal	467	3.0%	246	4.1%	0	0.0%
Drove Left of Center	316	2.0%	128	2.1%	7	8.2%
Improper Overtaking	275	1.8%	78	1.3%	4	4.7%
Asleep	270	1.7%	135	2.2%	10	11.8%
Passed Stop Sign	186	1.2%	102	1.7%	1	1.2%
Hit and Run	170	1.1%	50	0.8%	0	0.0%
Non-Contact Vehicle Involved	164	1.1%	56	0.9%	2	2.4%
Improper Backing	149	1.0%	14	0.2%	0	0.0%
Driving Under the Influence	136	0.9%	75	1.2%	2	2.4%
Brakes Defective	92	0.6%	37	0.6%	0	0.0%
Other Defective Condition	75	0.5%	33	0.5%	0	0.0%
Fatigued	71	0.5%	40	0.7%	1	1.2%
Tires Defective	68	0.4%	27	0.4%	0	0.0%
Had Been Drinking	54	0.3%	27	0.4%	1	1.2%
Windshield Not Clear	47	0.3%	17	0.3%	0	0.0%
Failed to Signal	39	0.3%	8	0.1%	1	1.2%
Improper Parking	37	0.2%	12	0.2%	1	1.2%
Headlights Insufficient or Out	32	0.2%	12	0.2%	1	1.2%
Wrong Side of Road	29	0.2%	8	0.1%	0	0.0%
Steering Mechanism Defective	27	0.2%	11	0.2%	0	0.0%
Stolen	22	0.1%	10	0.2%	0	0.0%
Ill	21	0.1%	13	0.2%	0	0.0%
Non-collision Fire	16	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Under the Influence of Drugs	15	0.1%	11	0.2%	0	0.0%
Vehicle Rolling in Traffic Lane	13	0.1%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%
Cargo Loss or Shift	11	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Lights or Reflecting/Defective	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%
Immersion	9	0.1%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Headlights Glaring	8	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eyesight Defective Uncorrected	8	0.1%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jackknife	8	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Separation of Units	8	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Towed Vehicle	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Collision Fire	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	1.2%
Explosion or Fire	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Down Hill Runaway	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wrong Way on One Way Street	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15,560	100.0%	6,001	100.0%	85	100.0%

1999 Teenage Driver Crash Characteristics

Over half (62.6%) of the total teenage driver crashes and injury crashes (68.3%) were a rear-end collision or a broadside collision. For fatal teenage driver crashes, side swipe and single vehicle rollover collisions were the leading collision types. Single vehicle rollovers involving teenage drivers are dangerous; this collision type was 9 times more likely to result in at least one fatality than other collision types.

Table 6.08 Collision Description of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1999

Collision Description	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rear End	5,592	33.4%	2,052	32.7%	4	5.6%
Broadside	4,902	29.2%	2,234	35.6%	6	8.3%
Other	3,130	18.7%	644	10.3%	1	1.4%
Single Vehicle Fixed Object	1,061	6.3%	392	6.2%	12	16.7%
Side Swipe	935	5.6%	190	3.0%	17	23.6%
Single Vehicle Rollover	467	2.8%	308	4.9%	14	19.4%
Single Vehicle Other	296	1.8%	160	2.5%	9	12.5%
Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash	246	1.5%	226	3.6%	7	9.7%
Head-on	130	0.8%	75	1.2%	2	2.8%
Grand Total	16,759	100.0%	6,281	100.0%	72	100.0%

1999 Teenage Driver Characteristics

Slightly more than half (54.0%) of teenage drivers involved in crashes were male. The majority of teenage drivers (88.5%) reported wearing a seatbelt.

Figure 6.05 Gender of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 1999 (n=19,093)

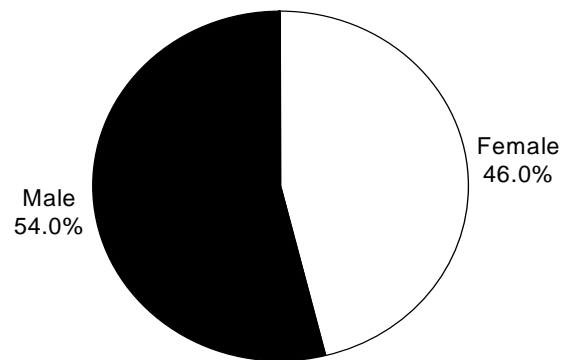
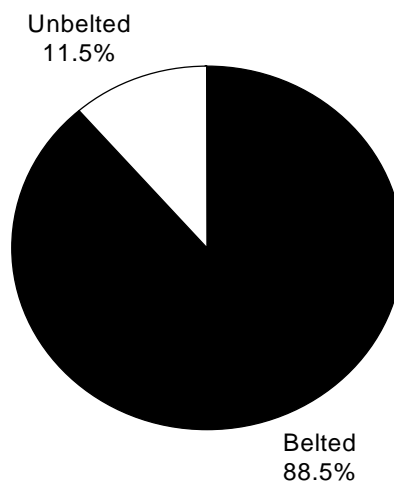


Figure 6.06 Seatbelt Use of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 1999 (n=17,310)

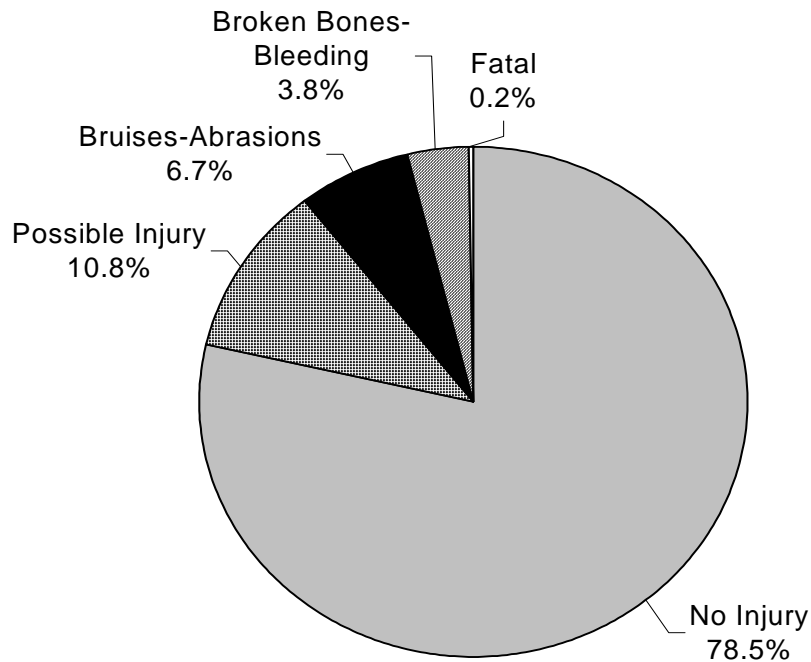


Note: Seatbelt use was not reported for motorcyclist and where usage was unknown (n=1,783).

1999 Injury Severity of Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Figure 6.07 shows the injury severity of crash participants (including drivers) in a teenage driver's vehicle. The percentage of occupants who sustained an injury was 21.5% , similar to 21.7% for all motor vehicle crash participants. The teenage driver occupants' fatality percentage (0.2%) was also similar to the fatality percentage of all motor vehicle crash participants (0.3%).

Figure 6.07 Injury Severity of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers as Reported by Police, Utah 1999 (n=29,865)



1999 Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Table 6.09 shows the number of occupants (including drivers) in a teenage drivers' vehicle by crash severity. In approximately two-thirds (64.0%) of total teenage driver crashes the driver was the only occupant in the vehicle. Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained 4 or more occupants were 2 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Figure 6.08 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 1999

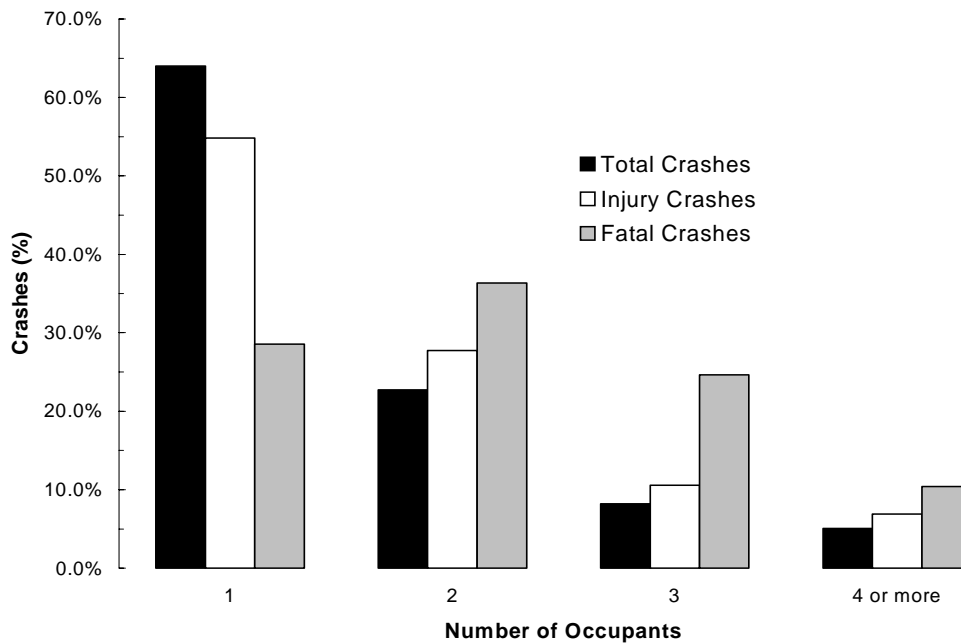


Table 6.09 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 1999

Number of Occupant	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	12,221	64.0%	3,913	54.8%	22	28.6%
2	4,338	22.7%	1,980	27.7%	28	36.4%
3	1,567	8.2%	754	10.6%	19	24.7%
4 or more	967	5.1%	492	6.9%	8	10.4%
Grand Total	19,093	100.0%	7,139	100.0%	77	100.0%

Note: There may be more than one teenage driver involved in a crash.

The age and gender of crash participants (including drivers) in the teenage drivers' vehicles are shown in Table 6.10. The percentage of males and females involved in each crash severity was similar. Not surprisingly, most occupants in teenage driver crashes were between the ages of 15 to 19 years.

Table 6.10 Age and Gender of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers by Injury Severity, Utah 1999

Age	Teenage Driver Crash Participants				Teenage Driver Injured Persons				Teenage Driver Fatalities			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
00 - 04	175	1.1%	163	1.2%	31	1.1%	28	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
05 - 09	133	0.8%	135	1.0%	45	1.6%	44	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
10 - 14	506	3.2%	537	3.8%	167	5.9%	187	5.4%	1	2.9%	2	8.3%
15 - 19	13,979	88.1%	12,176	87.2%	2,338	82.2%	2,918	83.5%	23	65.7%	17	70.8%
20 - 24	504	3.2%	299	2.1%	129	4.5%	104	3.0%	6	17.1%	3	12.5%
25 - 29	83	0.5%	46	0.3%	17	0.6%	20	0.6%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%
30 - 34	36	0.2%	22	0.2%	13	0.5%	12	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
35 - 39	37	0.2%	61	0.4%	10	0.4%	27	0.8%	2	5.7%	0	0.0%
40 - 44	51	0.3%	94	0.7%	18	0.6%	30	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	4.2%
45 - 49	27	0.2%	69	0.5%	11	0.4%	20	0.6%	2	5.7%	1	4.2%
50 - 54	18	0.1%	40	0.3%	10	0.4%	14	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
55 - 59	12	0.1%	19	0.1%	4	0.1%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
60 - 64	4	0.0%	11	0.1%	2	0.1%	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
65 - 69	9	0.1%	5	0.0%	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
70 - 74	3	0.0%	5	0.0%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
75 - 79	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
80 - 84	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
85 +	1	0.0%	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Missing	282	1.8%	264	1.9%	45	1.6%	65	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15,861	100.0%	13,957	100.0%	2,845	100.0%	3,493	100.0%	35	100.0%	24	100.0%

Note: There were persons involved in teenage driver crashes that did not have age and gender information recorded.

Alcohol and Other Drugs:

Of the 72 fatal teenage driver crashes, 7 involved a teenage driver impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

Graduated Licensing Law

In 1998 a graduated licensing law was enacted to address the concern of teenage driving and crashes. Graduated licensing regulations are in place for new drivers under the age of 18 years and not previously licensed in another state. First-time teenage drivers who apply for a drivers license in Utah must complete the following three steps to obtain a drivers license.

- ⇒ **Step 1.** Obtain an instruction permit, which allows driving with a certified driving instructor, complete a driver education course and pass a written exam.
- ⇒ **Step 2.** After reaching age 15 years 9 months, obtain a practice permit which requires driving with a parent, guardian, or licensed over-21-year-old spouse and complete 30 hours of behind-the-wheel driving (at least 10 hours after dark).
- ⇒ **Step 3.** Complete a driving test (or tests) and obtain a provisional (under 21 years) "D" (passenger vehicle), or "M" (passenger vehicle plus motorcycle) license. The provisional license shows "under 21" and has a distinctive color, and allows a lower threshold of points / citations before sanctioning compared to regular licenses.

Additionally, anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 a.m. except; 1) with an over-21-year-old licensed driver; 2) for employment, or going to or from employment; 3) going to or from a religious or a school activity; 4) in a supervised agricultural operation; or 5) in an emergency.